



**MAIL STOP
AMENDMENT**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application: M.A. Bailey Attorney Docket No.: BARK121462
Application No.: 10/618,435 Art Unit: 2855 / Confirmation No: 5602
Filed: July 10, 2003 Examiner: M.H. Noori
Title: LOAD SUPPORT ASSEMBLY AND METHOD OF USING SAME (AS AMENDED)

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER/
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Seattle, Washington 98101

February 14, 2006

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

A. Amendment Transmittal

Transmitted herewith is Amendment B in the above-identified application.

X 1. No additional claim fee is required, as shown below.

COMPUTATION OF FEE FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For		Present Extra		Additional Rate		
Total Claims	23	-	33	=	0	x	25	= 0
Independent Claims	4	-	6	=	0	x	100	= 0

B. Petition for Extension of Time

Applicant respectfully requests that the shortened statutory period for response to the outstanding Office Action dated August 23, 2005, set to expire on November 23, 2005, be extended by 3 months, to expire on February 23, 2006. The enclosed check includes the 3-month extension fee of \$510.

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C. Fees Enclosed

Enclosed is our Check No. 169020 in the amount of \$510 to cover the amendment claim fee and request for extension of time fee.

D. Additional Fee Charges or Credit for Overpayment

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.18 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1740. This authorization also hereby includes a request for any extensions of time of the appropriate length required upon the filing of any reply during the entire prosecution of this application. A copy of this document is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service in a sealed envelope as first class mail with postage thereon fully prepaid and addressed to Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on the below date.

Date: February 14, 2006

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